

## CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method for enhancing a hyperlink, the method comprising:  
displaying a toolbar if a pointer is proximate the hyperlink, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement;  
in response to a users selection of a selected link enhancement, performing the selected link enhancement.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the toolbar is displayed after the pointer is proximate the hyperlink for a predetermined time.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one link enhancement displayed comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window minimized, check it later, or anchor current Page.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:  
opening the page associated with the selected link in a new browser window.
5. The method of claim 4 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement further comprises:  
minimizing the new browser window without any user action.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating a clickable item in a window;

associating the selected hyperlink with the clickable item; and

in response to a click event, proximate the clickable item, opening a browser window with a URL of the selected hyperlink.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of performing the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating clickable item in a window;

associating the hyperlink at the current page with the clickable item;

opening the page associated with the selected hyperlink; and

in response to a click event proximate the clickable item, opening a browser window with a URL of the hyperlink associated with the clickable item.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable label.
11. The method of claim 9, wherein the step of creating a clickable item creates a clickable image.
12. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:
  - detecting means for detecting the presence of a pointer proximate a hyperlink;
  - display means for displaying a toolbar, the display means displaying the toolbar after the detecting means detects the hyperlink, the toolbar containing at least one link enhancement; and
  - calling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's selection.
13. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 12, wherein the display means displays the toolbar when the pointer remains proximate the hyperlink greater than a predetermined time
14. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 13, wherein one of the at least one link enhancement comprises at least one of: open in new window, open in new window minimized, check it latter; or anchor current page.

15. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 13 wherein the at least one link enhancement comprises: opening means for opening the page associated with the selected link in a new browser window.

16. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 15 wherein the at least one link enhancement further comprises: minimizing means for minimizing the new browser window without any user action.

17. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 12 wherein the at least one link enhancement comprises:

creating means for creating a clickable item in a window;

associating means for associating the selected hyperlink with the clickable item; and

opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the selected hyperlink in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

18. The hyperlink enhancement of claim 17, where in the clickable item is a clickable label.

19. The hyperlink enhancement of claim 17, where in the clickable item is a clickable image.

20. The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 12 wherein the selected link enhancement comprises:

creating means for creating a clickable item in a window;  
associating means for associating the hyperlink of the current page with the clickable item;  
opening means for opening a browser window with a URL of the hyperlink of the current page in response to a click event proximate the clickable item.

21. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

displaying means for displaying a toolbar when the presence of the pointer is detected, the toolbar containing at least one link enhancement; and  
calling means for calling the link enhancement in response to a user's selection.

22. A method for enhancing an hyperlink, the method comprising:

displaying a toolbar after a presence of a pointer is detected, the toolbar displaying at least one link enhancement;  
in response to a users selection, performing the selected link enhancement.

23. A hyperlink enhancement system comprising:

a hyperlink detector that receives a position signal from a cursor; and  
a display system, the display system having a display, the display configured to display a page, the display configured to display a toolbar upon the display system receiving a toolbar display signal from the hyperlink detector, the displayed toolbar comprising at least one hyperlink enhancement for selection by a user.

~~24.~~ The hyperlink enhancement system of claim 17 wherein the window is an HTML form and the clickable item is places on the form as HTML CheckBox items.

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~~23.~~ The method of claim 1, wherein the user may select the toolbar skin.

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